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MORPC to Administer \$500,000 in Community Housing Improvement Funds for City of Marysville Homeowners

(Columbus-September 25, 2009) The Ohio Department of Development has announced that the city of Marysville has been awarded a \$500,000 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant that provides funding for housing assistance to qualified households. The CHIP has funds available for home repair, housing rehabilitation, rental assistance and down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers. The program runs from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011. This program administered by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) offers:

- Up to \$5,000 to repair or replace a roof, update plumbing and electrical systems and other urgent repairs.
- Up to \$30,000 in a forgivable loan for major systems rehabilitation including a roof, plumbing, electrical and structural repair. The loan is made at zero percent interest and requires no monthly payments.
- Up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers which can be combined with home rehabilitation funds.

The program is based on income eligibility. To qualify for the home repair, rehabilitation programs, or down payment assistance, a family of four must make less than \$61,450 per year, homes must be owner-occupied, valued at \$144,000 or less, and be within the Marysville city limits.

"MORPC is partnering with the city of Marysville to bring this help to residents of Marysville. In this tough economy, this program offers a way to make urgent repairs to your home that might be unaffordable otherwise. And it's a great opportunity for a young family to buy and fix up their first home," states Kathy Werkmeister, MORPC Director of Housing and Community Services.

For more information about this program and to see if you qualify, visit MORPC's website at www.morpc.org/housing or call MORPC at 1-800-886-6772 or the city of Marysville at 937-645-1046.

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